

Remarks

Consideration and entry of the foregoing amendments are requested.

The amendment to the specification is to add a priority statement.

The amendment to the title is to simplify the title, more in accordance with U.S. practice.

The amendments to the claims place the claims in a format more suitable for U.S. prosecution. Namely, claims 1-51 are canceled without prejudice and replaced with new claims 52-110. Correspondence of new claims to canceled claims is as follows:

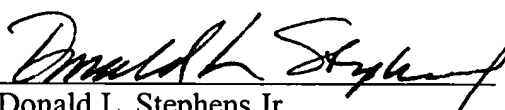
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| Claim 52: see claim 1 | Claim 72: see claim 21 | Claim 92: see claim 34 |
| Claim 53: see claim 2 | Claim 73: see claim 22 | Claim 93: see claim 35 |
| Claim 54: see claim 3 | Claim 74: see claim 24 | Claim 94: see claim 34 |
| Claim 55: see claim 4 | Claim 75: see claim 23 | Claim 95: see claim 35 |
| Claim 56: see claim 5 | Claim 76: see claim 24 | Claim 96: see claim 36 |
| Claim 57: see claim 11 | Claim 77: see claim 25 | Claim 97: see claim 37 |
| Claim 58: see claim 12 | Claim 78: see claim 26 | Claim 98: see claim 38 |
| Claim 59: see claim 6 | Claim 79: see claim 27 | Claim 99: see claim 39 |
| Claim 60: see claim 7 | Claim 80: see claim 28 | Claim 100: see claim 40 |
| Claim 61: see claim 8 | Claim 81: see claim 29 | Claim 101: see claim 41 |
| Claim 62: see claim 9 | Claim 82: see claim 30 | Claim 102: see claim 42 |
| Claim 63: see claim 10 | Claim 83: see claim 31 | Claim 103: see claim 43 |
| Claim 64: see claim 13 | Claim 84: see claim 32 | Claim 104: see claim 44 |
| Claim 65: see claim 14 | Claim 85: see claim 33 | Claim 105: see claim 45 |
| Claim 66: see claim 15 | Claim 86: see claim 34 | Claim 106: see claim 46 |
| Claim 67: see claim 16 | Claim 87: see claim 35 | Claim 107: see claim 47 |
| Claim 68: see claim 17 | Claim 88: see claim 34 | Claim 108: see claim 48 |
| Claim 69: see claim 18 | Claim 89: see claim 35 | Claim 109: see claim 49 |
| Claim 70: see claim 19 | Claim 90: see claim 34 | Claim 110: see claim 50 |
| Claim 71: see claim 20 | Claim 91: see claim 35 | Claim 111: see claims 46, 50-51 |

Therefore, no new matter is submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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